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Sisters of St. Margaret home on Duxbury property

The plans

The Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret wants to build a new home on retreat property they've owned on Harden Hill Road in Duxbury since 1903. The Society decided to sell its Boston convent, which has served as their base of operations, because it was too large and too expensive at a time when they are committed to focusing their limited resources on their missions in Haiti, Boston and New York City.

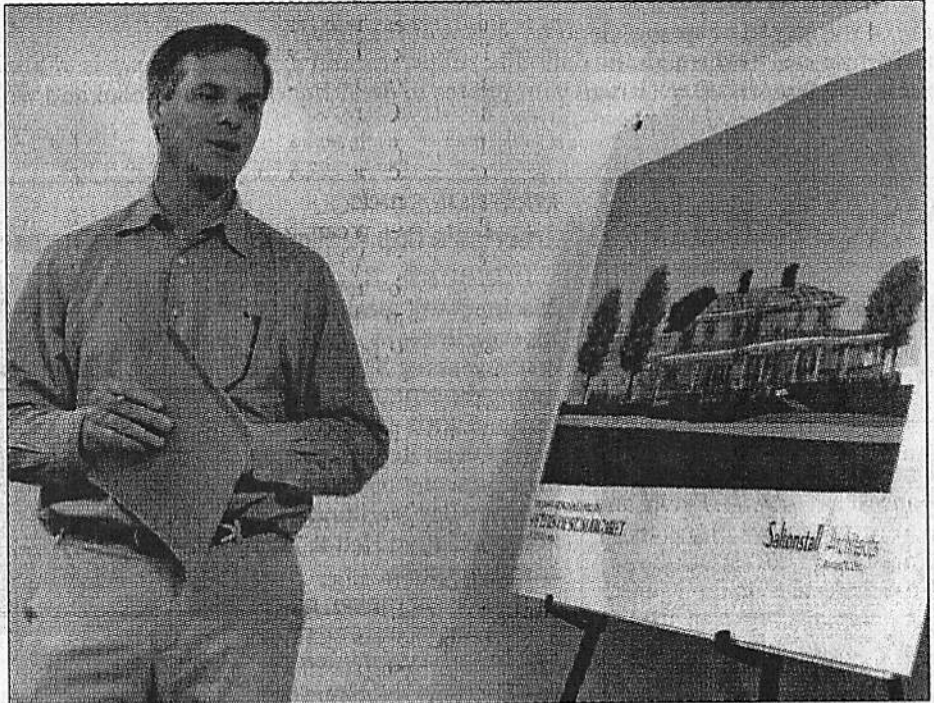
The details

The 9,500-square-foot building has been designed for nine full-time residents in the style of a home. The theme of the new home, Architect Will Saltonstall of Saltonstall Architects said, is spirit and light, with a focus on sustainability. He said the building will be energy efficient and easy to maintain.

There will be an atrium at its center with a water fountain as its focal point. The first floor will serve multiple purposes, while the bedrooms and a small chapel for daily prayer will be located on the second floor. There will be a library and workout space in the basement. The Duxbury retreat consists of the Bertram Conference Center, the Farmhouse and the Boathouse, where overnight guests stay.

The latest

Architect Will Saltonstall of Saltonstall Architects presented both site and floor plans for the new two-story building,



Saltonstall Architects owner Will Saltonstall reviews architectural plans for the new home of the Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret with the Board of Selectmen Monday night. STAFF PHOTO/KATHRYN KOCH

which includes a basement, to selectmen Monday night. Board members did not voice any objections to the plans.

What's next

The order will continue with the permitting and design process.

Notable quote

"I've grown to think of this as a new house for a happy family," Saltonstall said.